

Arlington Town Meeting — Motion to Amend

ARTICLE NO. 16

Dated: April 26, 2022

I, Adam Auster, do hereby submit the following Motion to Amend Article 16 on behalf of Anne Goodwin:

To amend the recommended vote of the Select Board by making the following three changes to Title V, Section 12 of the Town Bylaws.

1. In Section 3(D)(2), to strike out "June 15" and replace it with "May 31" so that the amended bylaw would read, in part, as follows:

"The use of gas powered leaf blowers is prohibited between ~~June 15~~ May 31 and September 15th except in accordance with the following restrictions..."

2. To revise Section D(2)(a) as follows:

"(a) Commercial and Municipal Users Transition Period May 31, 2022 – March 15, 2025
During the transition period ~~from May 31, 2022 – March 15, 2025~~, gas powered leaf blowers may be operated by commercial landscape companies and the Town only between the calendar dates of March 15th – May 31st and September 15th – December 30th, during the following times:

- (i) Monday-Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm;
- (ii) Saturdays, 8 am – 4 pm;
- (iii) Use is prohibited on Sundays and Legal Holidays."

3. To replace Section D (2)(c) as follows:

"(c) Resident Users Transition Period: May 31, 2022 – March 15, 2026
During the transition period ~~from May 31, 2022 – March 15, 2025~~, gas powered leaf blowers may be operated by residents while on their own property only between the calendar dates of March 15th – May 31st and September 15th – December 30th, during the following times:

- ~~(i) March 15th – May 31st and September 15th – December 30th;~~
- (ii) Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 am – 6 pm;
- (iii) Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays, 8 am – 4 pm."

Comment:

These changes define the dates of the transition period and the seasonal restriction in 3 places in the article.

1. Establishes May 31 as the start date for the seasonal restriction as proposed by the proponents and reviewed by the Board. June 15 was left in the language from the existing bylaw and is inconsistent with the rest of the article.

2. Establishes the dates of the transition period ending 2025 and the seasonal restrictions as applied to commercial and municipal users.
3. Establishes the dates of the transition period ending 2026 and the seasonal restrictions as applied to residential users.

Respectfully submitted,
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